

## Anthony Allan Burton



Anthony Allan Burton, known to us all as Angus, joined the 84<sup>th</sup> Entry at RAF Locking from Penrith when he was sixteen years old. As an Aircraft Apprentice he distinguished himself by passing out as a Sergeant Apprentice with an A2 education classification at ninth place in the order of merit.

Following his graduation in July 1959 he was posted to RAF Henlow. Later that year he commenced training at No 1 ITS RAF South Cerney as an AEO. That was followed by a period at No 1 AES RAF Hullavington from where he graduated on 27 June 1960 as a Plt Off. After further training at No 230 OCU RAF Finningley he was posted to No 44 (Rhodesia) Squadron at RAF Waddington from where he transferred to No 101 Sqdn on 1 January 1965.

Three years later, on 10 Apr 1967, Flt Lt AA Burton started training at No 1 PFS RAF Church Fenton as a pilot. After further training at No 2 FTS RAF Syerston he received his pilot's wings wef 29 Mar 68.

After all that hard work his reward was a posting to the RAF College at Cranwell as Mess Secretary! There he stayed for 10 months before attending more flying courses at 230 OCU RAF Finningley and RAF Scampton which he completed in February 1972.

He next had a tour of duty with No 101 Sqdn at RAF Waddington and was transferred to No 50 Sqdn at the same station for 5 months and then completed a full tour of duty at HQ No 1 Group RAF Bawtry.



On 15 April 1978, at his 38/16 point, he left the RAF and took up employment as a Transport Manager in North Wales. He left that job at the beginning of 1980 and was offered a position in August as a Technical Author with BAC where he was to start in September. He didn't take up this post as he was diagnosed with testicular cancer in August. Following a successful operation at RAF Hospital Nocton Hall and a 3 to 4 week stay at RAF Hospital Halton so he could attend for treatment at Westminster, he had a 2 year period of recovery and self employment before completing a 1 year Teacher Training conversion course at Huddersfield in April 1983.

He took up a position as a teacher in Corby, where he taught young adults, until he left due to staff economies in the summer of 1998. He became a self employed teacher obtaining work through Agencies and running night classes at local colleges. He was very successful and was in high demand as his reputation spread.

At the beginning of 2006 he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and, after a short illness, during which he displayed remarkable courage and fortitude, he died on 22 March 2006 in the County Hospital, Lincoln.

He is sadly missed by his wife Maureen, to whom he was married for 44 years, and his 4 sons Anthony, John, James and Andrew.